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SUBJECT: TRANSCRIPT OF TOASTS OFFERED AT OFFICIAL
LUNCHEON - DVORI PALACE - AUGUST 21, 1975

1. KAMENKO MARKOVIC: MR. SPEAKER, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ON BEHALF OF THE ACTUAL PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF CROATIA, MR. PERISIN, AND IN MY OWN NAME, IT IS MY GREAT HONOR AND PLEASANT DUTY TO WELCOME YOU ALL ON BEHALF OF THE PARLIAMENT OF CROATIA, ON BEHALF OF ALL MY COLLEAGUES AND IN MY OWN NAME. I WELCOME YOU ALL MOST CORDIALLY. YOU, MR. SPEAKER, YOUR WIFE, MEMBERS OF YOUR DELEGATION, THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA, MR. SILBERMAN AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND VISITORS.

2. THE PUBLIC OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND OF THE WHOLE OF YUGOSLAVIA HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING WITH GREAT INTEREST YOUR VISIT AND HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE NEWS OF YOUR VISIT IN THIS COUNTRY. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS INTEREST SHOWN BY THE PEOPLE OF CROATIA IS AN EXPRESSION OF THE FRIENDSHIP THAT OUR PEOPLE FEEL FOR YOU, THAT THE PEOPLE OF CROATIA FEEL FOR YOU, THAT THE PEOPLE OF YUGOSLAVIA FEEL FOR YOU AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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3. THE FRIENDSHIP AND THE MUTUAL READINESS TO IMPROVE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS BEEN CONFIRMED RECENTLY DURING THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. FORD, TO YUGOSLAVIA AND DURING HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT TITO OF YUGOSLAVIA. WE ARE FULLY CONVINCED THAT YOUR VISIT WILL BE A FURTHER STEP TOWARDS THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

4. I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU, MR. SPEAKER, THAT THE SHORT BUT USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND OPINIONS THAT WE HAD THIS MORNING SHOWED OUR MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE PROMOTION OF OUR RELATIONS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TELL YOU THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, LIKE ALL THE OTHER REPUBLICS OF YUGOSLAVIA, WILL CONTRIBUTE ALL IT CAN TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER RELATIONS.

5. MR. SPEAKER, DEAR GUESTS, WE FEEL VERY SORRY THAT YOUR STAY HERE WILL BE A VERY SHORT ONE. BUT WE ARE ALSO CONVINCED THAT EVEN THOUGH SHORT, THIS DAY WILL ENABLE YOU TO GET TO KNOW NOT ONLY THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THIS COUNTRY, NOT ONLY ITS GEOGRAPHICAL AND NATURAL VARIETY BUT ALSO TO GET TO KNOW THE EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN MAKING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRY, THAT IT WILL ALSO TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT WE ENCOUNTER ON OUR WAY TO PROGRESS TOWARDS SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT.

6. WE ALSO HOPE THAT DURING YOUR STAY YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO REALIZE THAT OUR PEOPLE, ALL OUR PEOPLE IN THE REPUBLICS, ARE FULLY DETERMINED TO KEEP ON, ON THEIR WAY, IN THE WAY IN WHICH THEY HAVE STARTED. YOU ALSO, WE HOPE, WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DEEPLY ATTACHED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PEACE.

7. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND YOU THAT A NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM THIS REPUBLIC AND FROM OTHER PARTS OF YUGOSLAVIA HAVE, ON DIFFERENT UNCLASSIFIED

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OCCASIONS AND AT DIFFERENT TIMES, VISITED THE UNITED STATES. MANY OF THEM HAVE DECIDED TO STAY THERE AND TO CONTINUE LIVING THERE AS CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES. NOW, THESE IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS HAVE ALWAYS ACTED AS A STRONG LINK THAT KEEPS TOGETHER THE UNITED STATES AND YUGOSLAVIA AND THAT ALSO ENABLES US TO IMPROVE AND FURTHER DEVELOP OUR COOPERATION.

8. THE CELEBRATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF YOUR COUNTRY WILL OFFER ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO THESE PEOPLE TO ASSESS THEIR OWN CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS FOR THAT REASON ALSO THAT WE, AS A COUNTRY, WILL TAKE PART IN THESE CELEBRATIONS AND WILL CONTRIBUTE AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO THE SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL.

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9. NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A VERY PLEASANT STAY IN DUBROVNIK WHICH YOU WILL VISIT NOW, IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND IN YUGOSLAVIA. I NOW DRINK TO YOU, MR. SPEAKER, TO MRS. ALBERT WHO UNFORTUNATELY HAS BEEN PREVENTED FROM JOINING US AT THIS LUNCH, AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TOAST ALL THOSE PRESENT IN THE NAME OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES.

10. SPEAKER CARL ALBERT: MR. VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. MARKOVIC, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNMENT OF CROATIA, COLLEAGUES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. FIRST OF ALL, MAY I SAY THAT WE ARE SADDENED THAT YOUR PRESIDENT IS ILL AND DUE TO THAT ILLNESS WAS NOT ABLE TO JOIN US TODAY. WE HOPE

THAT YOU WILL GIVE TO HIM OUR BEST WISHES FOR HIS
SPEEDY RECOVERY.

11. WE ARE PLEASED THAT OUR VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA COULD
INCLUDE A VISIT TO ZAGREB, THE BEAUTIFUL CAPITAL OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA. WE HAVE WELCOMED THE
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU AND WE HAVE APPRECIATED
HEARING FROM YOU. YOU, AND YOUR DISTINGUISHED
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PRESIDENT WHO ADDRESSED OUR GROUP THIS MORNING, HAVE
GIVEN US MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THE WONDERFUL
OPPORTUNITIES OF THIS PART OF OUR WORKD.

12. IT HAS BEEN SAID OVER AND OVER AGAIN HERE, WHILE
WE HAVE BEEN HERE, THAT AMERICAN OF CROATIAN ORIGIN
HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE HISTORY AND
CONTEMPORARY LIFE OF THE UNITED STATES. I THINK OF
NIKOLA TESLA IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, AND COUNTLESS
OTHER NUMBERS OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CROATIA HAVE
CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES. FOR THAT WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL. WE
ARE MOST GRATEFUL. WILL YOU STAND UP, MRS. ESCH?
(LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.) ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR
DELEGATION WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY UNLESS WE HAD
A CROATIAN WIFE IN OUR MIDST.

1" \$ THE TIES BETWEEN CROATIA AND AMERICA RUN TWO
WAYS. OUR BUSINESS FIRMS ARE REPRESENTED HERE.
AMONG THE MOST NOTABLE ARE: THE PRESENT DOW
CHEMICAL PLANT AND EXPECTED CONNECTION BETWEEN
YOUR OWN FIRM IN A AND WESTINGHOUSE COMPANY. WE HAVE
A CONSUL GENERAL IN ZAGREB WHO ASSURES A CONTINUING,
DIRECT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFFAIRS OF MUTUAL
INTEREST TO BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND YUGOSLAVIA.
WE CAN ASSURE YOU THAT BOTH HE AND THE CONSULATE
GENERAL WILL WORK IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE THE
COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS, CULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. OUR LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION CENTER WILL PRESENT, WE HOPE, TO THE
CROATIAN PEOPLE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF OUR WON COUNTRY.
WE HOPE TO BE AMONG THOSE WHO DEVELOP THE TOOLS OF
INDUSTRY IN YOUR COUNTRY, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO LIMIT
OUR CONTEXT TO OUR TOURISTS AND OUR LIBRARIES. WE
WOULD LIKE YOU, ONE AND ALL, TO COME OVER AND SEE
US TOO.

14. OUR PURPOSE IN COMING HERE WAS TO FURTHER
STRENGTHEN AMERICAN CONTACTS WITH YOU, YOUR COUNTRY
AND THIS GREAT REPUBLIC OF YOUR COUNTRY. WE ARE

MOST APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR KIND HISPITALITY. WE
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SHALL LEAVE YOU AFTER ONLY A VERY SHORT VISIT WITH
RELUCTANCE BUT WITH WARM MEMORIES OF YOUR BEAUTIFUL
CITY. WE GO ON TO THE DALMATIAN COAST TO VISIT YET
ANOTHER PART OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THE RDFUBLIC OF
CROATIA. I NOW INVITE ALL MY COLLEAGUES AND MY
FRIENDS, ONE AND ALL, TO RAISE YOUR GLASSES WITH
ME TO OUR GRACIOUS HOST AND HOSTESS, OUR CROATIAN
FRIENDS ASSEMBLED AND REPRESENTED, TO THE CROATIAN
REPUBLIC AND TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT TITO, SON
OF CROATIA - ONE OF THE ESTEEMED LEADERS OF THE
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